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## Items of Interest Locally

We are starting a new Library, join us. City Pharmacy.

Clarence Simpson has returned from a month's trip in the east.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, at Bulger's Jewelry Store.

Mrs. Dia Kent visited relatives in Calgary this week, returning Friday.

Gundy Clapperton richly cut glass in good variety, at Bulger's Jewelry Store.

A large assortment of health rugs for the Christmas buyer, at the Leading Store.

Something the latest in penmanship, fancy felt cushions, and imported Japanese hand wave baskets, just arrived this week. City Pharmacy.

Chas. H. Schooley, of Norfolk, Nebraska, and Harold Schooley, of Ames, Alberta, both formerly of Lacombe, are here visiting relatives and old friends.

The Musical Eckhardt, expert Swiss bell ringers and artists in various other musical specialties, are booked to appear at the Rex Theatre, Lacombe, on Wednesday evening, December 17. Popular prices.

This week has seen the warmest December weather in central Alberta since weather records have been kept. On Wednesday the maximum temperature was sixty degrees, which is the warmest December temperature by four degrees record since the first meteorological station was established in central Alberta in 1882.

Married, at the home of the bride's father, on Wednesday, December 10, by Rev. M. White, Robert M. Gibson and Miss Jane Swanson. They left on the evening train for a wedding trip to Banff. Both bride and groom have a large circle of friends here who extend best wishes. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm near Lacombe.

"The Missouri Girl played to a crowded house on Wednesday night at the Comet, and the long hearty laugh was there, just as advertised. Incidentally we might mention the fact that the management of this company knows the value of advertising. "The Missouri Girl" was the best advertised show that has appeared here in the last six months, and the advertising brought results.

Hub Camp 13324, Modern Woodmen of America, held a delightful social evening in Boode's Hall on Thursday evening. Dancing was the chief amusement, while cards and singing were also popular. A congenial crowd, good music and good food combined to make the evening one of the most enjoyable of the popular soirees for which the Woodmen have established a reputation. An excellent lunch, prepared by the ladies, was served at midnight.

Good candy is essential to a merry Christmas in most families. Get the best at the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the residence of Mrs. Henry Trimble at three o'clock on Tuesday, December 16th, instead of the regular day, Friday the 12th.

Mrs. Livingstone, of Vancouver, will be present and will give an address on Purity. All members are expected to be present and non-members are especially invited.

At the annual meeting of the Central Alberta Exhibition Association the following officers were elected: President—Capt. Evans; 1st Vice—Henry Langrock; 2nd Vice—P. A. Switzer; Directors—Messrs. E. W. Simpson, W. A. Shields, F. E. McLeod, J. L. Storey, T. Henderson, H. Metcalf, S. H. Welch, N. E. Carruthers, G. Hutton, C. Watkins, J. M. Southward, J. Crookery Auditors—Messrs. Jesse Fraser and A. D. MacDonald. The plan of holding a three day's fair worked so satisfactorily this year that it will be followed again next year, and it is intended to set the dates for some time near the end of August.

## Important Notice

Seven Sutherland Sisters beg to announce to the ladies and gentlemen of Lacombe that they have made arrangements to hold daily demonstrations for one week, commencing Monday, Dec. 29 at The City Pharmacy, an entirely new and up to date drug store. Phone 128, opposite the Merchants Bank, regarding treatment of the Hair and Scalp. They respectfully invite every one to call and consult with them. Come and see the long and beautiful Hair, grown by the use of the Grover Sutherland Sisters' Hair Grower and Hair and Scalp Cleaner. Canadian Head Office, 193-195 Spadina Ave., Toronto.

## I.W.W. Threaten to Kill Premier

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—Two thousand labor men assembled tonight in the horse show building to protest against the imprisonment of the coal miners. Five chairs were reserved for the representative of Vancouver in the legislative assembly, and on these chairs were placed the biblical saying—Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin—as well as the name of Premier McBride and Attorney General Bowser, neither of whom were present.

It was announced by Robert Godeau, a well-known I.W.W. agitator, at the end of the meeting that all peaceful measures to end the strike would cease at the end of this year, and further that if Premier McBride, the attorney general or any member of the government ventured into the woods for sport he would be shot on sight.

The further statement was made that all members of the local administration would need to watch their morning coffee in the future as it might be poisoned.

## Alberta Well Represented at Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Tuesday, December 2, was "Alberta" day at the United States Land Show at the Coliseum in Chicago, and right well was the day celebrated by Albertans represented at the exposition, besides a number of distinguished visitors from the province, who came for "hat" purpose.

The day's program was topped off with a unique surprise prepared by the representatives of the provincial government exhibit. It was in the form of a concert by kilted Scottish bagpipers, who played in the government exhibit during an informal reception and then paraded about the hall and marched up on a big stage built for the production of "Hiawatha" by a company of Ojibway and Iroquois Indians from Canada. The latter production was a part of the regular exposition program.

During the day and evening addresses were made by the Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture for the Province of Alberta, and George M. Hall, industrial commissioner of the city of Edmonton.

The Minister of Agriculture made a characteristically optimistic talk about the possibilities of Alberta, while Mr. Hall pictured the great agricultural opportunities there, which, he pointed out, have just been touched.

"The agricultural products of Alberta," said Mr. Hall, "amount to \$100,000,000 annually, although only three per cent. of the acreage is improved or under cultivation. What can we expect when the remaining 97 per cent. of this fertile soil is brought under cultivation? It is a logical conclusion that Alberta farm lands will follow the trend of the middle west farms and increase in value many times the present prices at which they are held."

Among the prominent Albertans who were present on that day besides the Hon. Duncan Marshall and Mr. Hall, were Dr. J. G. Rutherford, superintendent of animal industry and agriculture for the Canadian Pacific railway's department of natural resources; E. L. Richardson, manager of the Calgary exposition; C. E. Lewis, superintendent of fairs and institutes; and H. A. Craig, superintendent of provincial demonstration farms.

Besides the provincial government exhibit, which is in charge of C. M. Richardson and Mr. Atkinson, there is an Alberta exhibit by the industrial department of the city of Edmonton, in charge of J. L. Port and John C. Chadwick, assistants in Industrial Commissioner Hall; while each of the three principal Canadian railways at the exposition, the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern, has a representative exhibit of grains and grasses

grown in that section of Western Canada.

On Alberta Day the Canadian Pacific Railway gave away leather tobacco pouches filled with grains. Badges were distributed from the provincial exhibit and buttons from the Canadian Northern Railway.

One of the features of the provincial government exhibit is the prize sheaf of oats with which Arthur Perry, of Cardston, won the first prize at the recent international dry farming congress, also samples of oats and barley grown 600 miles north of Edmonton, or 950 miles north of the international boundary. There are also samples of oil from the new strikes near Calgary.

The Canadian Northern exhibit is in charge of John Wardrop and H. M. Williams, of the industrial department of that railway.

The exhibit of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is in charge of Louis Kons, of the industrial department.

The Transcontinental Townsite Company has an exhibit showing the development of towns in the various provinces of Western Canada.

## Liberals Will Contest Quebec

Montreal, Dec. 11.—"We will make a vigorous fight in every county of the province of Quebec."

This was the statement made after the caucus of the Liberal party held yesterday at the Windsor hotel, attended by every member of the Montreal district.

There were present at this meeting Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Fredrick Borden, Hon. George Graham, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Robert Bickerdike, the local members and local senators.

There was much enthusiasm expressed at the meeting and the presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier developed a fighting spirit in the case.

The chief point of this meeting was that the Liberal party should contest every seat in the province of Quebec.

Meanwhile, no suggestion was offered as to the seat for Mr. Fielding. All of the ex-ministers left Montreal during the day. No member of the former Liberal government was to be found in Montreal last night.

## Plum Coulee Bandit Caught

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—John Krafenko, the notorious criminal who is charged with robbing the bank of Montreal, at Plum Coulee, Manitoba Wednesday and murdering H. M. Arnold, the manager, was captured this morning at a house on College avenue, St. John's, where he was known as a student by the name of Andrews.

The house had been watched all night by the police, who learned that Krafenko was expecting a visitor this morning, and, desiring to take their man as quietly as possible, kept the appointment. A cordon of twenty police were on hand to make the arrest, which was effected without a struggle, the much wanted man saying: "It's all up, I guess; I'll come quietly. I didn't intend to shoot anyway." On searching the apparition a 32 calibre automatic Webley Scott

was lying on the bureau alongside the bed, while under the pillow was found another fully loaded automatic revolver.

Arriving at the police station the prisoner asked for a private interview with the chief of police in which he made a long statement regarding the crime with which he is charged. The police have so far discovered \$1,550 some of which is bloodstained. The first package discovered had been hidden away in the south-west part of the city, while further rolls were found in the north end under the fence at the rear of the house in which he was captured.

Since being hunted Krafenko has assumed the names of Dr. Fairchild, under which name he treated two patients, and Andrews, the student. It is asserted he intended to make his gateway in the disguise of a woman.

## Xmas Stamps Make Trouble

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Another bulletin was issued today by the post office department, advising the public that: "Christmas or charity" stamps must not be placed on the face of letters or other mail matter, as postmasters are under strict instructions to send all letters having Christmas stamps other than postage stamps on the face to the dead letter office for return to the senders. The postoffice has no option in this, as other countries refuse to receive letters with stamps on the face other than postage stamps, and the first duty of the post office is to the man who sends the letters and pays postage thereon, and anything that is likely to lead to confusion or delay must as a matter of good faith be prohibited.

"As letters bearing Christmas stamps on the face are now coming in the public are again warned against this, in order that it may be quite clear that while Christmas stamps may be used as stickers on the back of correspondence they must not be affixed on the face, as all correspondence having these stamps on the face will be returned to the sender."

## Wm. Deering Dead

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Wm. Deering, the harvester manufacturer, died Monday night at Miami, Fla., his winter home, according to a message received here last night.

Mr. Deering went to Miami several weeks ago, accompanied by the members of his immediate family. He had been ill for several months and went south to escape the rigors of the winter and in the hope that his health would be benefited. He failed gradually.

Mr. Deering was born at South Paris, Maine, April 25, 1826, of a Puritan family, which was established in America in 1634. Mr. Deering early gave up the study of medicine to enter a commercial life. After several years in his native town as a manufacturer, he became interested in western lands, of which he was a large owner. In 1855, with Seth Miliken, he formed in Portland, Maine, the firm of Deering, Miliken & Co., which became one of the largest drygoods commercial houses in the country.

Visiting Chicago in 1870 Mr. Deering met E. H. Gammon, an old Maine acquaintance, who was engaged in selling agricultural machinery. With him he formed the firm of Gammon & Deering. Nine years later Mr. Deering became the sole owner of the business.

## Bentley Town Lots Sell Well

The sale of the lots by public auction on Tuesday afternoon was more successful than the most optimistic had anticipated. Of course all residents of this district have fully realized that Bentley has a bright future before it and is bound to grow, but no one had expected to see the lots offered snapped up so eagerly and at such good prices as prevailed. Not only that, but the fifty lots offered did not satisfy the demand and a number of additional lots were put up and sold to satisfy the demand. The larger portion of the offering was purchased by residents of the town and immediate district, though many lots were bought by outside investors. The average price of the lots sold was \$67, the highest price reported being \$140.

## Wintry Weather in the States

Denver, Colo., Dec. 6.—The snow storm which had tied up all forms of business in Denver and Central Colorado ended last night according to the government weather bureau and clearer cold weather was forecast for today. With freezing came anxiety as to the maintenance of the telegraph by the linesmen which alone saved Denver from isolation for twenty-four hours.

Reports to the government bureau show that it is still snowing in south-eastern Colorado, raining in eastern Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri, and that with the exception of light falls in Wyoming, the snow practically was confined to Colorado and northern New Mexico.

One of the gravest hardships accompanying the storm was the extreme shortage of coal. One of the largest hotels here was forced to close yesterday and office buildings have exhausted their supply of fuel. Hotels housing hundreds of unroofed trades people fear that they will be unable to secure coal today. Railroad traffic remained at a standstill last night. The blockades on tracks are at all points within a radius of 100 miles of Denver.

Boulder, Colorado, reports a total fall of forty inches of snow throughout Boulder country. At Cripple Creek all business was suspended, including work in the gold mines.

Boston, Dec. 8.—The storm which has caused havoc rushed over New England at a sixty mile an hour gait today, bringing snow and a thirty degree drop in temperature. New Hampshire reported over 17 inches of snow. The Boston storm was less severe, the wind being only 35 miles an hour, while there was just enough snow to cover the sidewalks in the suburbs. Shipping clung to snug anchorage. So severe was the gale in Massachusetts Bay that the steamer Calvin Austin, which started on her regular run for Portland, Eastport and St. John, put back for shelter until the storm abated. Heavy rain preceded the drop in the temperature. During a sharp thunder storm one fifth of an inch fell in twenty minutes.







## OPPOSE CENTRALIZATION

Comparison of statements by leading Imperialists in Great Britain and of Mr. Borden in Canada leads irresistibly to two conclusions—that Mr. Borden is absolutely wrong in his centralizing naval policy and that his whole trend of thought is of a reactionary nature, repellent to the mother country as well as to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Mr. Borden has out-foxed the Tories in his anxiety to get back to conditions which made the family compact a name of evil repute in Canada.

Mr. Richard Jebb, the famous English naval and imperial authority, on November 4th, issued an appeal to the British admiralty to abandon "its present policy of naval centralization and return to the plan of well organized co-operative alliance as laid down in the admiralty memorandum of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1909."

Proceeding, Mr. Jebb says: "Free choice for Britain and compulsory choice for the Dominions. Is that their prescription for securing unity of the Empire until federation? The difference between 'may' and 'shall' is just the difference between the late liberty which made and sustained the present Empire and the new intolerance which by the abuse of loyalty would turn the Dominions into subject countries."

Admiral W. H. Henderson—"Until Imperial federation is secured, which will, I think, take much longer than ten years, the only form of naval policy under existing conditions which the motherland and her daughter nations can adopt must be on the lines undertaken by the Australian Commonwealth. The question is one of 'no taxation without representation,' by ignoring which we lost the American colonies."

Admiral Freeman—"The admiralty at the request of the Commonwealth sent out Sir Reginald Henderson to confer with the Australian government, and his proposals, though thorough and entailing heavy expenditures, were accepted by all parties, and were carried out by the Labor government loyally, so that the Australian unit is now in a fair way to completion while suitable defence and training establishments are being established. Surely this is an object lesson in the right course to adopt, and the enthusiasm of naval defence in the Commonwealth is in strong contrast to the unfortunate political difficulties in which Premier Borden has been involved in his endeavors to meet the admiralty's views."

In the light of these statements how wide of the mark are the words of Premier Borden on the closing day of parliament. "In view of the fact that these proposals were made by the Government of Canada upon information which they had received from the British Government through the Admiralty, which they regarded as disclosing grave conditions, it may be possible in the future to make right that which has been made wrong at the

present. It is the firm intention and determination of this government to bring down at a later date proposals for the acquisition or construction of three battleships as was proposed in the Naval Aid Bill of 1912. Canada will take over and pay for and acquire these ships and will place them at the disposal of His Majesty the King."

## LET THE LAW TAKE ITS COURSE

It will be interesting to watch the efforts of the Tories to prevent hearing of the Chateaugay election trial. By invoking every possible legal hindrance to the courts of justice they delayed the Macdonald protest from November 18th, 1912 until November 11th, 1913, with the result that for a year the riding was misrepresented with a man sent to Parliament by such notoriously corrupt methods that even Hon. Mr. Rogers did not dare defend them in court. The same "Minister of Buy-Elections" had charge of Chateaugay. Similar methods were practised by the same men who had worked in Macdonald. Will Hon. Mr. Rogers have the cynical audacity to follow the Macdonald precedent throughout?

It may be possible by a system of filing objections and appealing technical decisions from court to court to delay the Chateaugay protest until a general election is in sight. Will Premier Borden dare again to flout public opinion in this way after the pre-election promises "To expedite the hearing of election petitions and to provide for the thorough investigation of corrupt practices?"

## EVEN TORIES TURN

In his Halifax platform Mr. Borden said, "We will favor a thorough and complete reform of the laws relating to the Civil Service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission, acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examinations." Before Mr. Borden arrived in office the Laurier government had put the inside service under a commission, so that to this extent the patronage evil was done away with.

After the election of the Borden government, Civil Service reform not merely stopped, it became Civil Service deform. Never was such a mad scramble for office known. Never has the country seen such a rush to dismiss every possible Liberal from the Civil Service. During two years of Borden rule the Civil Service has been tampered with as never before. During these two years not a move has been made to reform the outside service along the lines adopted by the Laurier government for the inside service. So great has the evil become that Messrs. Frapp and Chabot, the Conservative M.P.'s for Ottawa have published an earnest demand that the outside service be put under a commission, with the ingenious rider that they are "favorable to appointment on a basis of physical and technical fitness." That last remark will probably spoil their case. It is political fitness that the Borden-Rogers combination requires, and nothing else.

## EFFECT OF LOW TARIFF

Early in October the Underwood Tariff went into effect in the United States, with free foodstuffs for the benefit of the American consumer. The result has been that Canadian exports of agricultural products jumped from \$10,772,000 in October, 1912, to \$32,292,000 during the month just passed, while Canadian exports of meat animals increased from \$4,695,000 in October, 1912, to \$6,587,000 in October, 1913. Free foodstuffs have caused American buyers to make a tremendous raid on the Canadian supplies, with the result of reduced prices in the States and increased prices in Canada—the cost of beef going up a dollar a hundred in Toronto almost immediately after the inauguration of the new tariff.

Instead of the Underwood tariff giving Canada the benefits of reciprocity as claimed by the Conservatives, it has given the American consumers all the benefits and the Canadian consumers all the hardships.

## DOES EACH COW PAY?

Some records of total production for the last seven months sent in to the dairy division, Ottawa, showing how individual cows on adjoining farms vary in real earning capacity, will be of both interest to the average farmer and of value to men who are planning for better results next year.

A ten-year-old cow that calved on March 12 has given since then just 2,812 pounds of milk and only 102 pounds of fat. A neighboring 7-year-old, calved 2nd April, gave 6,421 pounds of milk and 229 pounds of fat, a little more than twice as much. In another corner a pair in Glengarry, an eight-year-old, calved 5th April, gave only 3,394 pounds of milk and 129 pounds of fat; while a five-year-old, calved 26th March, gave 7,280 pounds of fat, or again twice as much milk.

Have these two owners of two such poor cows the wrong type of cow; is it the old placid contentment with "average" yields, which are liable to degenerate so quickly into poor yields? An income from the milk of one cow of only \$28; when another adjoining cow earns \$72 as seen above, cannot be considered satisfactory when a man is supposed to be keeping cows with the object of making money. A simple milk record shows definitely which cows in the herd earn the most; don't "average" good and poor together, keep the best, but make sure that each cow pays.

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## NEW TUNES ABROAD

It is possible that the Borden government is being frightened into forgetfulness of its franchise denunciations of reciprocity in 1911, when the paid agents of the High Tariff interests declaimed from every Tory platform against our trade going to the south, and occupied Hon. Mr. Foster's demand, "No trade nor track with the Yankees." While Mr. Borden's ministers have not dared openly to offend their masters "the interests" in Canada, once they get away from here they talk as though the great influence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's consistent demand for lower tariff and wider markets was causing them serious alarm. At New York, on November 3rd, Premier Borden is thus reported in the New York Herald—"In regard to reciprocity between this country and Canada, Mr. Borden said that Canada had no objection to such a treaty, and that Canada felt she had done her fair share towards it. He said he regretted that it had not come to pass."

A few days later, on the 12th, two of Mr. Borden's Ministers, Hon. Mr. Foster, now setting Premier, and Hon. L. P. Pelletier, also attended a dinner at New York.

Hon. Mr. Foster is reported as having said,—"That the question of reciprocity between the two countries would never be entirely settled. Because a certain part was not carried out, it did not mean that reciprocity between the two countries was not going on and increasing daily."

Hon. Mr. Pelletier followed and told his New York audience that the introduction of the Pacific Post system into Canada would be an added means of international trade and a further incentive to good relations, adding,—"While we want to keep the right to frame our own tariff to suit the people of Canada, we want to have the most extensive and cordial relations with our relatives and friends in this country."

It is about time for the Manufacturers' Association and the "Noble 18" to look into these heretofore utterances of their servants in the government. If this sort of thing keeps on they will have to try in a new supply of Union Jacks for Ontario.

## EARLIEST SETTLERS IN NORTHWEST

Minneapolis, Dec. 10.—Deep under inches of rooted turf, workmen have unearthed the first evidence of early settlers' presence in the northwest, indicating that as early as 1708 hardy French voyagers had pushed their way up the St. Croix river and hewed themselves a home under the pyramidal and picturesque rocks of its falls. The find, which furnishes the first material proof of the pioneer's presence at

that early date, aside from Father Hennepin's written narrative, was discovered on the Minnesota side of the St. Croix near the lower end of the primitive fire place and hearthstone of some early white man builder, for the Indians of that day neither knew nor used a hearth or fireplace.

The latter, as the unearthed foundation shows, was built after the roomy fashion of that period, made about four feet square and piled several feet high with rough masonry of trap rock and sandstone, and a hearth of evenly laid flat rock. The earth on either of the three sides of the hearth is still mixed with the ashes of the voyager's fire, and here and there can be found mouldy bits of bone, doubtless thrown aside from his meal of wild turkey and deer.

A further proof of the white man's hand in the construction is shown from the strict and careful adherence to the four cardinal points of the compass, carefully observed in the building of the home, and which was so constructed that its front door faced the true north and did not parallel the St. Croix, a stone's throw away, as the topography of the river bank would have suggested. There can be no doubt, say those best fitted to know, but that the ancient fireplace is the first indisputable proof of the white man in the northwest.

The three who first worked their way up the St. Croix in the last century were Franklin Steele, Ed. Baker and W. H. C. Folsom. The two first named at once laid claim to the St. Croix falls, recognizing its value for power. Folsom, however, knew more of timber and logs than the promotion of future power plants and selected a site just at the south end of a little island in the river, now known as Folsom's Island, built there a sawmill and logged lumber down the St. Croix to the Mississippi at Prescott, 60 miles away. This was in 1845. Immediately in front of his sawmill door grew a fine hackberry tree and which he estimated at fully 150 years old. Just a few feet to the south of that one day he found the ruins of a still earlier pioneer in the hearth and fireplace.

One day he told his son, Wyman X. Folsom, about it, and pointed to the spot. The father also told the son he had made a careful inquiry among the Chipewas of the local tribe, and with whom they were on friendly terms, but not even the oldest man of them had ever heard, even in tribal legend, of the white man in the St. Croix region save those then there. The hackberry tree, its position showed, had grown since the

passing away of the rough cabin of the early comer. The same hackberry tree, one of the most beautiful and sturdy bits of forestry in that section, still stands, measuring nine feet and three inches at the base, and woodmen are agreed that it is easily more than 200 years old.

Time came and the elder Folsom passed on, leaving a competence to the family. The eldest son, Wyman X. Folsom, is still a resident of Taylor's Falls. Recently, after the two states had acquired the lands on both sides of the St. Croix that its dunes might be preserved, the younger Mr. Folsom, himself a white-haired man, told George Hazard, the superintendent of the Inland State Park, of what his father had told him of the early settler, and pointed out the hackberry as a guide to a discovery of the home. From time to time, workmen under the direction of Superintendent Hazard, prospected the ground around the big tree. Scores of ditches were dug, some of them to a depth of eight or ten feet, but nothing was found.

Finally, however, a few feet to the south of the tree, and but a few inches under the deep-matted turf, the workmen discovered the old fireplace of more than 200 years before. Further examination disclosed the old hearthstone and the ashes. That it had lain there for generations was evident to all men who had a knowledge of such things, and who examined it.

It was not difficult to picture the home of the early voyagers, probably built of pine logs, cut from the nearby forest and fancy upon the top of the rock foundation a chimney of sticks with mud-filled crevices, a type of dwelling employed by the pioneers of that period.

## GIVEN FORTY YEARS TO PAY \$812 LOAN TO MONEY LENDER

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—Forty years approximately is the time which Judge Grant gave to a defendant in which to repay a judgment of \$812.50 and costs obtained against him by one Epstein, a money lender. Epstein had loaned the defendant Taylor a sum of \$650 for three months at 60 per cent. interest, payable compounded if payment fell six months in arrears.

"I shall order the defendant, however, to make the payments at the rate of \$5 per month until the whole amount is paid off," monthly in advance and to be declared the judge, who protected Epstein by adding that if the \$5 per month payments were not kept up he could have the right to apply for foreclosure on thirty days' notice. From the date of judgment the loan will cease to carry interest at the rate of 60 per cent. and will only carry interest at the legal rate of 5 per cent. Altogether it will take about forty years to extinguish the payment.

## McBRIDE OPPOSES WOMEN'S FRANCHISE

Victoria, Dec. 10.—Premier McBride refused today the request of the United Franchise Societies of British Columbia for the introduction of a suffrage bill by the government. He suggested that the question would have to be brought up by a private member.

Be-ribboned in purple and white the suffrage colors and with two bright-eyed little children clinging to their skirts, twelve Vancouver women representing three women's suffrage organizations, met the legislature shortly before the noon hour today and concisely laid before the provincial ministers their demand for the ballot.

Mrs. McConkey spoke for the Pioneer Equality League, with Miss Gutteridge for the British Columbia Woman's Suffrage League, and Mrs. Drummond for the Equal Franchise Association.

"The provincial government is not in entire agreement on this question of the vote for women," announced Premier McBride.

"Some of my colleagues think that to give the franchise to women would be a wise policy, while others do not go as far as that. For my part I am unable to subscribe to the views you offer today. I do not mean to be critical, but I say that it is impossible to grant your request for a government bill to give you the ballot. A measure of this kind is, however, well within the province of any private member. I do not mean to say that the house will be dragged down by my views. The house will be able to decide for itself on this question if it is introduced. It is not a party question with the Conservatives, although I understand that the Liberals of British Columbia have agreed to give their support to franchise for women. If you get the vote, then you would soon sit in parliament and it would be reasonable to suppose that some time you would form a women's party and probably run the entire affairs of the country. That would be a logical conclusion," said the Premier.

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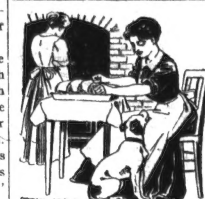
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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered Bank for five per cent of the amount of the tender made payable to the order of The Provincial Secretary, which will be forfeited to the Government of Alberta in case the successful tenderer refuses or neglects to enter into contract, or when entered into fails to carry out the provisions thereof.

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Deputy Provincial Secretary  
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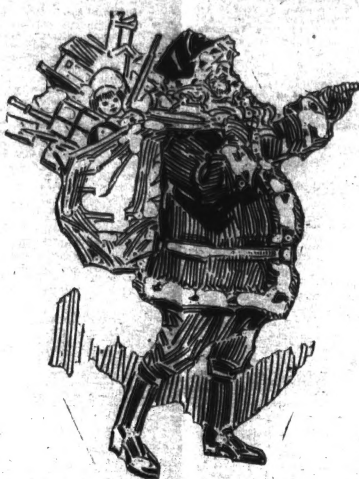
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## MARRIAGES

Beddoes-Hansen—At the home of Mrs. Hansen, Gull Lake, on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, by the Rev. M. White, B. D. Lacombe, Leonard Beddoes to Miss Flora Elena Hansen.

Iddings-Becker—At the Presbyterian Mause, Lacombe, on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, by the Rev. M. White, B. D. Glenn Dean Iddings to Miss Eva Becker, both of Rimby.

Bright-Lewis—At the Methodist Parsonage, on Monday, Dec. 8th, George Russell Bright and Rose Etta Elizabeth Lewis, both of Ponoka.

## NOTICE

A general meeting of the shareholders of The Lacombe Brick, Tile and Cement Co. Ltd. will be held in the Town Hall, Lacombe, Alberta on Thursday the 18th day of December at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of considering the advisability of increasing the capital stock of the company to Seventy Thousand Dollars and any other business that may be in order.

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